

A BRIEF *J. H.*
RELATION
OF THE

Life and Death

Of the late Famous

Mathematician and Astrologer,

Mr. *V I N C E N T W I N G.*

TOGETHER

With his Nativity, as it was done, many
years before his Death, by his own hand; And
now for general satisfaction, made publick.

By J. G. φιλομαθηματικῆς.

*Quum Moritur vir, an reviviscitur est? Job 14.
— Et Mortuus adhuc per hanc loquitur. Heb. 11.*

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To the Honourable *Edward Deering*, of
London Esq; His Majesties Merchant, and
Receiver General of his Majesties Revenues in
the Counties of Kent, Essex, Surrey &c.

Honoured Sir,

Not only your acquaintance with the Sciences Mathematical, and the many profitable Labors of the Industrious Person, whose Life I here publish, but your known affection to all

*the friends of V R A N I A, hath invited me to this address: As also to return my humble thanks, for that you were pleased lately in a Company of Giant-like, yet ignorant opposers, as well Nobly to favour the Truths of Astrology, as courteously to own me and my meaner Arguments in its behalf. In which contest, by your prevailing and sinnewey Reasons, you so far wrought upon their Passion and Prejudice (little than a Miracle;) that at length those angry Opponents (although some of them were men otherwise learned, and Elderly too) began ingeniously to acknowledge, that they had never heard so much discourse of Astrology in all their Lives; and therewithal frankly engaged to enquire into the grounds of that Science, before they believed any more reports against it. A good president for all that are Enemies to any truth upon the bare hear-say of others; or, because the ignorant Multitude (as taught by the supercilious * Man in Black) have declaimed, or rather snarl'd against*

* I mean only
the Angry
presumptive
who of all men
most emulates
Astrology; and
yet hugs an
opinion an 100
times more ir-
rational than
any one prin-
ciple thereof;
nay, directly
untrue; Viz.
that of Prede-
stination in the
most terrifi-
ng sense.

it. Vox Populi is not alwaies Vox Dei; And Truth is too Coy to be courted by the Rabble.rout; She hath select Favourites to whom she dispenceth her Graces.

In your acceptance of this Dedication, you will help to preserve to posterity a true Son of Science; One, whose Industry was such that Ages will scarcely Equal. And yet (Sir) not so much protest him, as that mean Piece, I have in, the following History drawn of him, scarce to the Life I confess. My numbers are too immusical to sound forth his worth; And my Colours (now like his Ghost) too pale and lifeless, to express his great Deservings. Mr. Wing was his own best Herald; And his Fame will live for ever, in his own works. What I have done, is only to pay a grateful respect to his Ashes, as he was my friend, that future times may find, he had some who were contemporary with him, that knew how to value him and his merits. If therefore (Sir) you will vouchsafe me but a corner of the Mantle of your Nobler Reputation and Favour, for my defence, you will thereby, at once, keep Mr. Wing warm in his Coffin, and cover the many imperfections of him, who (thus endeavours to embalm his memory, against the Flesh-flies of Envy and Detraction; and) esteems it one of his greatest Felicities, that he hath an opportunity to entitle himself,

Honoured Sir

*From my study in Brick-
Court by the Deans-
Yard Westminster.*

*Your real Servant
and Honourer,*

J. Gadbury.



SOME
R E M A R K S
ON THE
L I F E and D E A T H
O F
Mr. *VINCENT WING*,
Compared with his N A T I V I T Y.



R. *Vincent Wing* was born at
North Luffenham in the Coun-
ty of *Rutland*, in the Year of
our Lord 1619. on the Ninth
Day of *April*, at Five Hours
Forty-eight Minutes *P. M.* or
Afternoon. He was a *branch*
of an honest and virtuous
Stock: as proceeding from *Parents* rather good,
than great; who, with their *Ancestors* have been
long seated in the said Town of *Luffenham*, en-
joying

The Life and Death

Mr Wing's Ancestors first came out of Wales, and settled at great Panton neer Grantham in Lincolnshire, and neer 100. Yeares since Planted themselves in North Luffenham, and as I have it ascertain'd me from an honorable hand, there have bin of them in that place three Generations successively, with himself.

It frequently happens that far greater Families oftner change their Seats; & sometimes, (in much shorter space) do also lose their Names.

joying a greater blessing in their continued and settled condition, than many others in the Multitude of Riches: A *fixed Habitation*, being even the mightiest Mercy that *Fortune* can bestow upon *Mortality*; and so characterized by *GOD* Himself to *Moses* in the Mount. Whereas a *wandering* or *erratique* condition, or course of *life*, either in *Persons* or *Families*, is, not only a *reproach*, but a *Curse* to *them* that undergo it, and their *future Generations*. And this *Cain* in the beginning of time, and the *Jewes* since the *Death* of our *Saviour*, have, by a long and miserable experience, found *certain* and *true*. But Mr. Wing's Family, hath been happy above many other Families, in the inheriting so peculiar a blessing; and yet not more fortunate therein, than in the bringing forth this their *ingenious* and *industrious Son*: Who, from his own *merit* and endeavours, (with *God's blessings* thereupon) hath, not only preserved, but much augmented the *Reputation* of his deserving Predecessors; and so *firmly planted* his *Name* and *Memory* there, leaving to his *Posterity*, an *Estate* and *Fortune* considerable to support and maintain it, should their after endeavours be wanting thereunto; of which, I am (credibly) informed, there is at present no just cause to doubt.

Where a *large Purse*, or ample *Fortune* to a *Father* is wanting, the *Son*, though never so prompt and meritorious, must be content to miss of a *Liberal breeding*; and thus it fared with Mr. Wing: whole

whose *Lot* it was to be of capable years, and fit for *Learning*, even in the *worst of times*; *Viz.* at the beginning of *our late unhappy Confusions*: When *Rebellion* was opposed to *Loyalty*; *Plundering* and *Free-Quarter* to the providing for, and *advancement of Posterity*; The *Pistol* and *Pole-Axe* to *Terence* and *Tully*, &c. And every *well-meaning Person* (though of a *Fortune* competent) had enough to do to *shift* and *provide* for *Himself*. In which unhappy, (and perhaps unheard of) *Calamity*, Mr. *Wing's* best *Friends* and *Parents*-sharing, were the more disabled for pursuing his *promotion* and encouragement in *Learning*. But although it was his luckless *Fortune* and unhappiness, to want an *Academical Education*; yet such was his *Natural Inclination* and *Propensity* to an acquaintance with *Letters*, that by his *own Industry*, and *Study*, he had in time, conquered a competent *Portion* of *Learning*, *Viz.* A *perfect acquaintance of the Latine Tongue*, and a moderate understanding in the *Greek*, &c. By which happy advantages, the *greatest* and *most critical Authors* and *Masters of Astrologie*, and the *Mathematiques*, in their own *Language*, were no *strangers* unto *Him*. From whence we may collect this true and modest *Observation*.—— “That Mr. *Wing* was “born a *Scholar*, although not bred, or made one; “and therefore preferable before many *Thousands* that had the gainful advantage of an “*University Learning*, and yet were not there-

Mr. *Wing* wanted an *Academical Education*; and the reasons thereof.

Dominus Ascendens applicavit Domino M. C. existenti in sua exaltatione, decernit Natum ex se ipso honores cumulaturum.
Argol. 134 p.

“ with capable of *matching Him in Mathematical and Astrological Performances*. So excellent is an *innate* worth and glory, that all the external *Paints and Florishes* cannot so much as equalize, much less transcend or surpass it.

Yet let the *ingenious Reader* know, that I have no dis-respect for the *Muses*, or for such, whose happy *Fate* it is, to *suck* at the *sacred Breasts of Minerva*; as having the *Schools of Learning in Adoration*, and ever bearing a high honour and value for all those that derive *Science* from them: And could heartily wish that our *English Universities* were so happy, as to *Nurse and Foster** only such, whose *Genitures* render them capable of *Learning* what they always prudently teach; *those* being the most probable of making returns of *Gratitude* unto them, and of sounding forth to the *World* their deserved *Honour and Fame*. How many are there that be constantly *Educated in Schools of Good Literature*, that for want of a *Genious* to cope with, and conquer *Science*, become rather the *Scorn* than *Honour of Learning*? *Of every Wood a Mercury* || cannot be made. If the *Flint* have no *Fire* in it naturally, in vain is the *Steel* applied unto it, in hopes of procuring any. *Schools of Learning* being like unto skillful *Lapidaries*, who *polish the Diamonds* of our *minds*, and *understandings*; and set a radiant lustre upon them, although we bring them thither *ragged and misshapen*: (and thither we must bring them, or go without our errand.)

And

* And I could wish also, that such whose inclinations bend to learning, might be but so happy as not to miss an *Academical Education*.

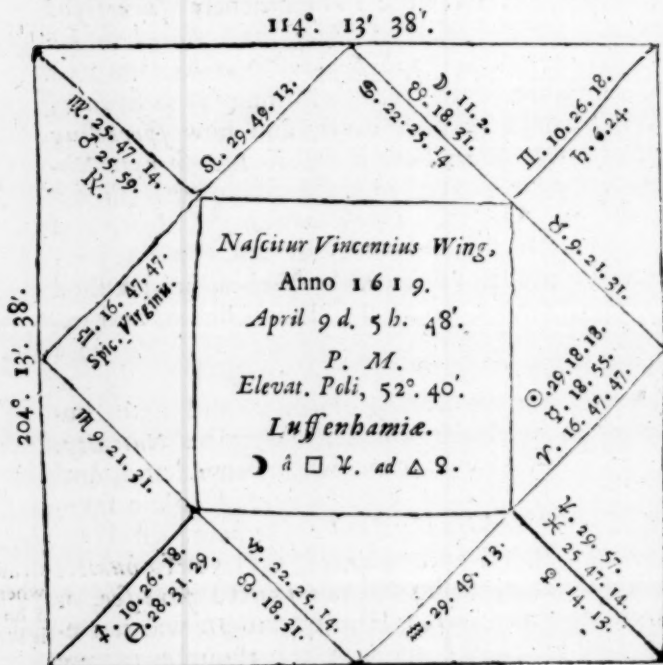
¶ || *Ex quolibet Ligno non fit Mercurius.*

And indeed, *Men* must have *peculiar Stars* for the attaining such a *peculiar Favour* and blessing from the Hand of *God* and *Nature*: and being so furnish'd, will in *time* appear, and shew themselves, and *Dart* forth their *Native Splendor*, (like our *Mr. Wing*) although they should want the *Embellishes* and *Polishes* of Education. (yet I say not all out so happily!) And if this our *deceased Friend* were so eminently *successful* and *deserving* without *them*, and *shined* in his *Generation* above, and *beyond* so *many*, that had the enjoyment of *such* adorning acquisitions; What would *He* have done, and how *spreading* would *His Fame* have been, if *His* so *rare Natural Parts* had met in *Conjunction* with *them*?

But because *Mr. Wing* was an *Astrologer* and *Mathematician*, and that perhaps these *Papers*, may be mostly inspected by *such* as are inclined to *those curious Sciences*; I shall desire, and expect the Pardon of the *ingenious*, if I swerve a little from *common Method* in the Writing the *Life* of this my *worthy Friend*; and here, before I proceed any further, insert his *Nativity*, as it was curiously done by his *own* hand, and by *Himself* friendly communicated to me several Years || before He *died*: He being of so *generous* a *Mind* and *Conrage*, and yet so *humble* withall, that, as he did not *fear* to *fore-see*, or *fore-know* any *evil* of *Himself*, so He was not *elevated* or *puffed up* with the thoughts of any *prescient advantages* that were likely to *issue* to

|| See my Col.
Genit. p. 2.
where the
S. hme therof
is Printed.

him : but used his *Nativity*, and what he understood thereby, (as the great *Apostle* used the *World*,) as if he used it not. Submitting Himself (even in the best or worst of things, by it either promised or threatned) ever to the guidance and governance of that *Universal Power*, that ruleth all things by the wisdom of his *Providence*, even *God* blessed for ever !



Latit.

Latit. Planetarum.

h.	1°.	51'.	} Merid.
ψ.	0.	57.	
♂.	2.	46.	} Septent.
♀.	0.	20.	
♂.	1.	23.	Merid.
♂.	0.	46.	Septent.

Antisc. Planetarum.

☉.	0	42'.	☿.
h.	23.	36.	♄.
ψ.	0.	3.	♌.
♂.	4.	1.	♊.
♀.	15.	47.	♍.
♀.	11.	5.	☿.
♂.	18.	58.	♈.

The Fortitudes and Debilities of the Planets in this Nativity, you may behold in the following Table.

☉	is	strong	by	9	Testimonies.
♂		strong		20	
h		strong		10	
ψ		strong		20	
♂		weak		2	
♀		strong		20	
♀		strong		20	
☾		strong		6	

Here are no less than *four Planets Competitors* for the honour of *Almuten* in this *Geniture*: *Viz.* The *Moon*, *Mercury*, *Jupiter*, and *Venus*: and truly, if I understood his *Mind* and *Actions* aright, he equally shared in their peculiar qualities and significations. For he wanted not the *publick Fame* and multiplicity of business that the *Moon* gives; nor the *Ingenuity* that *Mercury* bestows; nor the *Justice* and *Goodness* that *Jupiter* affordeth; nor yet the *harmless* and *pleasant*

sant conversation, (to sweeten the rest, for without that all business is a burthen, and all knowledge a slavery!) that *Venus* patronizeth: But of this more anon.

Omar de Nat-
tivity. Lib. 2.
Cap. 3. &c.
Firmic. Lib. 2.
Fol. 57. ad
Maurit.

The *Sun* alone is *Hylech*, or *Propagator vite*, the Geniture being Diurnal, and he in an *Aphe-tical* place. And (being just entring *Taurus*) we may admit *Venus* the *Alchocoden*, or giver of Years: Or should we (in respect of the *Moon's* being so powerful in the Figure) admit her a sharer in the designing of Life, (which is not altogether unreasonable, but agreeable to the Opinions of *Omar* and *Firmicus*,) then will *Jupiter* be *Alchocoden*; which is in effect the same; for both their mean Years are *Forty-five*, and more they cannot give of themselves in this *Nativity*; because one of them is oppressed by *Saturn's Quadrant*, and the other by *Mars* his *Opposition*: and although Mr. *Wing* lived beyond these, Four Years at the least, that is to be attributed to the *Strength* of his *Nativity* in general, and not to his *Alchocoden*; which could not preserve him above the aforesaid number of Years for the Reasons before remembered.

Saturn is the *Anareta*, or the Destroyer of Life in this *Geniture*; as being, First, Locally placed in the *Eighth House*; Secondly, As afflicting the *Lady* of the *Horoscope*; Thirdly, As he is *Lord* of the *Fourth House*, which Astrologically signifieth the *Grave*; Fourthly, As he is a *Planet* inimical to Nature. And accordingly when the

Sun

Sun or *Hylech* was directed to his *Conjunction* or *Body*, Mr. *Wing* dyed.

And so I come to consider of the *Nativity* it self, and to compare it with the *Actions*, *Dispositions* and *Inclinations* of the deceased *Person* to whom it appertained.

Herein you see that *Signum Justitiæ*, or the *Cœlestial Ballance* is ascending the *Horoscope*, and the *Royal fixed Star*, *μικρὴ κοίτης*, or the *Virgins Spike* riseth therewith: plainly demonstrating Mr. *Wing* (according to the *Rules of Astrology*) to be *born* for an *honourable end* and *purpose*; and to do *great* and *worthy things* in his *Generation*; which he hath not failed to perform: thereby eminently justifying the influences of those *Stars*, that (*Sub Deo*) have honoured him at his *intra* into this *World*. The *benigne Planet Venus* is *Governess* of the *Horoscope*, and posited in her *exaltation*, in *Trine* of the *Moon*, and in a *noble reception* of *Luna* and *Jupiter*: all, of most *admirable import* and *signification*, as every understanding *Astrologer* knows. And agreeable hereunto, Mr. *Wing*, as he was honoured equally with *many* above his *degree*, so he merited such respect; being a *Man* || of a very *just* and *pious frame* and *temper*; generally *even humored*: at sometimes he would admit of *facetiousness* without *scandal*, *affability* without *injury*; and did a little *delight* in a *free* and *harmless conversation*; being neither *too austere* on the one hand, or *too vain and fruitless* on the

*Stella fixa irrationabilis, et
arque admirabilem
felicitates
afferunt, &c.
Ptol. Cent.
Aphor. 29.*

*Spica Virginis
in Ascendente,
dignitates altas
importat, &c.
Ptol.
Parv. p. 131.*

|| *Dominus decima in nona,
Natus erit honesta
vita.
Argol. p. 42.*

*Venus honeste
posita, ut in suis
dignitatibus,
cum Luna, &c.
Honestos mores,
& laudabiles
decernit.*

other. Argol 116. P.

other. But (like his *Horoscope*) was equally poiz'd between both, and yielded to *neither* *extream*. He was scarcely known to *envy* any man, (and do you not see that *Mars* is the weakest Planet in the *Scheam*?) *as if he had wanted Choler to awaken Revenge, or to create a passion:*) but, on the contrary, was *kind, respectful* and *obliging to all men*: even to his *enemies*, (as the Holy Rule enjoyns) if they were not, beyond the line of *reason*, malicious and provoking.

All Rutland-shire, Northamptonshire, and the Countrey round about, give this general good & commendable Character of him; as any that pleases, may more particularly inform themselves from any of the Gentry of those Countreys, as my self have done before the writing hereof, because I would publish nothing but truth concerning him.

He was nothing *ambitious* or *insulting*, but rather *meek* and *humble*, and always apt to *depreciate* himself. He was never *distrustful* or *suspicious* of others, because *free* from the *taint* of those *qualities* himself, and always *virtuous*, and *true hearted*. These are the natural significations of such happy and Heaven-favouring *Positions*, together with their *genuine verifications*. And the better to enforce and make good all this that we have said, (and more) it is *observable*, that the Noble *Trine* of the *Moon* and *Venus*, &c. before spoken of, is made from those *two Planets* greatest dignities, *Viz.* that of *Astrologers* called *House* and *Exaltation*; which gave Mr. *Wing* a more curious frame of *Soul*, and a better opportunity and means to shew the *excellency, integrity, activity, and evenness* thereof, than if so glorious an *Aspect* had proceeded from *weaker* parts of the *Heavens*: I mean, from such *parts* or *places* wherein those *Planets* had less *delighted*, or had been more *meanly* and

poorly

poorly dignified. Thus we see by experience, that the *Dignities* of the *Planets* are no *vain* and *idle things*; and that we ought to esteem more of them, than of *Chimera's*, or *Castles* in the *Aire*. I could produce a great many parallel instances, but this is so certain and undoubted a truth, that it needs not.

From this admirable *Trine*, and it's happening, (not only in the *Dignities* of the *Planets* *Trining*, but) in the *Dignities* of the benevolent Planet *Jupiter*; (the *Patron* of things *Divine*, &c.) proceeded that great and unfeigned *Love*, *Duty*, and *Reverence*, which Mr. *Wing* constantly paid to *Religion*, and to the service of *God*: being always known for a true and zealous frequenter of the *Church*, and an adorer of the *Clergie*; esteeming them the most worthy of *Honour* and *Reverence*, that *God* himself had been pleased to commit the charge of his most honourable and valuable *Jewels* in the *World* unto; even the *Souls* of *Men*. He was indeed so much, and so great a votary to *Religion* and *Piety*, that many of the *Almanacks* he annually wrote, were in a manner *Sermons*, or *Expositions* or *Applications* of some useful *Texts* of *Scripture*; encouraging *People* by the *Word* of *GOD*, as well as by the *Works* of *God*, to follow that which was *Religious*, *laudable*, *Good* and *Profitable*. By which ingenious and pious practice of his, we are made happy in the acquaintance of this great truth, (against the perverse, wilful, ob-

Lumain Nonis,
Nato religioni
add cit.
Argol. p. 140.

Quam V & Q
Etc. jun signifi.
dispositio A-
nima, Nam e-
rit simplex, a-
mans nitidita-
tem, & magi-
steriam, atque
rum in vesti-
gationes, —
eritque bona
qualitatis ani-
ma, pium, sani
cordis. Dum
amabit, & illi
serviet, cupiet
etiam amore
D i, laboriosus
S, erit sensu-
tus, & amans,
humilis, &c.
Prol Quadrip.
lib. 3. cap. 13.

stinate, unreasonable and crooked Opinions of the Enemies to all Stary Learning.) That a Man may be a good Christian, and yet an Astrologer: and, that Divinity and Astrologie, to a sober and unprejudiced understanding, are not incompatible: there being no such antipathy between the Word, and works of God, (or those that study the one, and the other, as Naturalists tell us, there is between the Sun and Rue, or the Vine and Colewort,) but that they may well stand and grow together. Cali enarrant gloriam Dei. Psal. 19. vers. 1.

Rue, or Herb-grace, delights not to grow in the Face of the Sun, although he be the Life of all living things: and this any Gardner will tell you.

He was a Person of a very ready, ripe, and pregnant wit; and had good judgment and memory thereunto annexed: [The want of the later of which was a defect, that the learned Doctor Hammond exceedingly bewailed in himself, saying, that it was easier for him to Pen twenty Sermons, than to get one by heart.] What Mr. Wing read was his own; and thence he began to be a Mathematician || in his younger years, being capable of understanding all the parts of Arithmetique, of the several ways used in Surveying Land, Measuring all sorts of heights and distances, &c. As also of making all kinds of Dyals, with many other neat and commendable acquirements, by that time he was but Eighteen Years of Age; as I have often heard Himself, as well as others report. So that in a sence, it may be said of him, as it was of the Holy St. Remigius, and the great Doctor S. Thomas Aquinas, — That
from

|| *Et in domo Mercurii, dat. Scientias. Ptol. parv. p. 34. D. cima septima pars 21. Si in hyroscopo fuerit inventa — bene posita, ad benevolos plena lumine feratur Literatus faciet. &c. Firmicus. Lib. 8. Cap. 21.*

from the time of his first capacity of Learning, he out-stripped those that were much his Superiours in Age, and (I may justly add) in Education also.

And truly, he had need be naturally ingenious, that attempts such lofty, crabbed, coy, and difficult Studies at any time, much more in his Juvenile Years: When the Feather of Youth is high and spreading, and principally waves us to vanities; seldom suffering our inclinations to reach after serious or weighty things; they being as contrary thereunto, as Blood to Melancholy, Heat to Cold, Winter to Summer, &c. But this Mr. Wing was born * to prove the Influences of the Stars certain and true; and by an apt demonstration in himself to shew us, That the God of Stars is not tyed to the meaner methods and observations of Men, or to his own ordinary way of working; but pursues the Rules of his own good will and pleasure, varying from his common course, how, and when, and as oft as he pleaseth. Thus he can satisfy the Stomach (beyond Man's reason) without food; the Thirst without Wine; and feed our intellectuals also (if he vouchsafe it) without instruction of Books or Letters. 'Tis his Prerogative peculiar, to make strong things of weak; and excellent things, of things contemptible and despised; an Age in Youth; and contrariwise, a Childishness in elder years; and by this his foolishness, sometimes to amaze, other-times to destroy, the wisdom of Men. Thus, to

* Astrologus
nosciunt, non fit.

matth. cap. 13.
vers. 36, 37.
1 Cor. cap. 13.
vers. 25, 26.

Dominus medii
Celi in suis
dignitatibus ap-
plicatus dominus
Ascenden is O-
rientalis hono-
res in regno
pollicetur, &
Principum fa-
miliaritatem.

A. g. p. 134.

Sol in Cuspide
septima tribuit
honores, & glo-
riam post mor-
tem. Ptol. par.
p. 131.

Canis Syrius,
sicut Procyon in
medio Celi, (as
here) dat hono-
res magnos. etc.
Ptol. par. 131

Gradus medii
Celi exaltatio
Jovis (I am
sure it is necer-
it) Celebre no-
men diffundit.
Argol. p. 132.

Q. Motu veloce
facit expeditos
in inventionibus
& rationibus.

Bene dispositi
Mercurius, &
Mars faciunt
ingenio acutis-
simo. pag. 137.

declare his *Omnipotence*, he is pleased to raise *Ventidius*, (though of a very low and mean ex-
traction) to the greatest honour and dignity in
Rome: And to make *Cicero* (whose Parentage,
or Original, if story may be credited, was scarce
known) *Pater Patriæ*, the Father of his Country.
And thus by God's especial favour and benignity,
is Mr. *Wing* raised, from an indifferent degree

and quality, to be a Reputation to his Country,
and a promoter of the severer Sciences. And from
them, to an equal honour (for indeed He hath
taken more than equal pains) with the admirable
and ingenious *Kepler*; with the ever celebrated
Alphonsus, with the renowned *Ticho brabe*; with
the immortal and ever glorious *Julius Caesar*!
with all which illustrious and famous Persons,
his Name and Memory will for ever shine in the
treasury and bibliothek of Fame; for his indefa-
tigable and admired Industry, Acquisitions and
Performances, in all Mathematical, and Astrolo-
gical Learning.

To fit him with a Soul for these illustrious en-
quiries (for such they are) he had, in his Nati-
vity, a noble reception of *Mars* and *Mercury*,
(and *Mercury* swift in motion) and this by the
dignity of the House, *Viz.* the greatest that can
be: and such that *Astrologers* generally account
equivalent to a *Sextile* or *Trine Aspect* of them:
and the *Moon* (which is the Conveyer of all the
other Planets influxes to this our Terrene Star)
is hastning to an Aspect of them both. Which
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(in an *Astrological* sense) forceth the *imagination*, *fancy* and *ingenuity* of a *Person* (pardon the expression, for it is very true,) that is *so born*, beyond the *common rate* of *exertion*, and *ripens* the *mind* (with all its faculties) in *so celerous* and *active* a manner, that it affordeth a *Harvest* of *Wit* and *Judgment* in *such Men*, before there will be an appearance of a *Spring* in *others*, that shall unfortunately want these *forwarding Configurations*. And thus it cometh to pass, that some Persons are *so prodigiously*, and to a *Miracle* illuminate, and afford great *Crops* of *Art* and *Learning*, before *others* of more *tenebrous* and *Cloudy* souls, can put forth either *Leaf* or *Blossome*.

Thus it was apparent in the *Nativity* of that Reverend *Prelate*, the late Lord Primate of *Ireland*, Doctor *Usher*, (whom *Paulus Testardus* justly stile, *Seculi, & Ecclesie decus eximium*, the greatest honour of the Church and Age) who, having such a Configuration in his *Geniture*, was so active and forward in his *studies*, that (the *History* of his *Life* saith) he was created *Master of Arts* at *Twenty Years* of *Age*. Thus also, the late Reverend *Bishop* of *Durham*, Doctor *Morton* (from the same Reason in his *Nativity*) was *learn'd* & *betimes* in comparison of many others, as is recorded in the *History* of his *Life*. So also the late Learned Doctor *Hall*, *Bishop* of *Norwich* (being born when *Mars* and *Mercury* were in *Trine Aspect*,) was known to be *Master* of as large

See the History of his Life.

Vide my Collection Genitura- rum. p. 2.

Where all their Nativities are to be found.

* See his Nativity, as done by himself in his *Astrologia Gallica*.

large and spreading *intellectual abilities*, as any learned in the *whole World*: Witness the several incomparable *Pieces* he wrote, and left behind him in Print; especially that learned and pious Treatise, entituled his *Contemplations*. Thus likewise, the most learned and acute *Philosophers*, *Henry Cornelius Agrippa*, and *John Baptist Morine*, &c. whose noble *Genitures* shewed the same worthy configurations: and who more nimble, and fortunately forward in all kind of *learning than they*? Infinite numbers more could I instance in, who (as these already mentioned, with our *Mr. Wing*, enjoying such excellent and beneficial rayes of the *Stars*,) have been as *Comets* in the *Ages* they lived and flourished in, attracting the *Eyes* and *Wonder* of all *Men* towards them, for their great and fortunate parts and performances: but these few are sufficient.

By this we are instructed how *God Almighty* in his wisdom hath suited and proportioned all inferiour actions, Persons and things, to the motions and configurations of the *Heavenly Bodies*: and how much it makes for the honour of his Majesty, that all temporary productions are ordered and disposed of, by this *Cælestial Clork-work*; as it hath pleased him to appoint and ordain at the first.

From this happy reception of *Mars* and *Mercury*, together with the *Moon's* configurations with them, (of which before you have heard) It is observable, — That *Mr. Wing* was, not only capable

capable of *knowledge* and *understanding*, &c. but was therein very *communicative* and *diffusive*. He hated to *hide* his *Talent* in a *Napkin*; or *covetously* to *cloyster* up that *Science* which He so happily (above *many thousands* of others) had attained unto, and was *blest* with all. He was *freely* willing and *ready* to impart any thing (let it be never so curious and choice a secret) to any *ingenious* Person or Son of *Urania*; and hath often *publickly* professed, that it was his great discontent and trouble, if at any time in his writings he thought he had not been plain, even to the meanest, or most ordinary, or costive understanding.

Math. 25. & 25.

And (to go a little further in this Argument.) these configurations did, not only give him a great love unto, and a delight in *knowledge*, but a strength of *mind*, and ability of *Body* for the same. Thus was he fitted for travelling thorow the most crooked and crucifying parts of *Astronomy*, &c. As those, of the restoring the (most hard to be found) places of the two most Critical Planets in the Heavens, *Mars* and || *Mercury*.

|| See his excellent Tables (in his *Astronomia Instaurata*, and *Harmonicon Cœlestes*.) of those Planets motions: As also his *Astronomia Britanica*, lately published.

He had (in all respects) an *active* Geniture: and accordingly hated *slothfulness* and *idleness* with a perfect hatred; accounting it a *shame* and *error* for any *Man* to *foster* or *cherish* such contemptible issue: or to think that he was created, or brought forth into the *World* for so despised and *inglorious* an end. And was therefore so frugal of his time, (like the *Thuscan* Philoso-

D phers,

phers, that thought the *loss of a Day irreparable*; as, not only, not to mis-employ or mispend any the smallest part or portion thereof, (after he was of capable and understanding Years,) but very prudently and advantagiouſly, to *improve every little Minute*; making his *Books his recreations*, and his *severer and wasting Studies*, his *Pleasures*.

* And of this I have had the happiness, of being more than once or twice, a witness.

If he were of any thing *covetous*, it was of *knowledge*: being indeed scarcely ever satisfied therewith; making it his *business* to frequent the *Company* * of the *most learned and excellent Men* when he came to *London* at any time, and so to spend his time; whereas *others* generally turn such *journeys* into *pleasure and recreation*: And truly so did Mr. *Wing* too. For such *converse* was his soul-satisfying delight; his *Mind* being principally placed upon such a *felicity*. Thus did Mr. *Wing* constantly (both abroad and at home) labour after the *discovery* of the *most mysterious things* in *Astrologie*, *Geometry*, *Algebra*, *Trigonometry*, and all other parts of *Mathematical Learning*.

But Mr. *Wing* did not labour after this toylsome manner, (Churl-like) only to satisfy and please himself, but to *profit* and advantage *others*. And to this purpose, after his many years painful labours, and a *consuming* of himself in *Study* and *business*; he hath published to the *World* these several Books following.

I. His

1. His *Urania Practica*, or Practical Astronomy.
2. *Harmonicon Cœleste*, or the Harmony of the Visible World.
3. *Astronomia Instaurata*, in four parts.
4. Ephemerides of the Cœlestial motions for 20. Years; with an excellent Introduction to the knowledge of all Mundane Alterations.
5. An ingenious Treatise of Surveying.
6. *Examen Astronomie Carolina*, in his own Defence.
7. *Astronomia Britannica*, written in Latine, now in the Press, and almost ready to be published.
8. *Computatio Catholica*; an excellent Treatise, now almost (also) ready to be published: Besides his Annual Labours, which always tended to the utility of the ingenious *Astrologers*, and *Mathematicians*.

In which Pieces of *Astronomy*, he hath most facilely solved, the (not very easily solved) *Phænomena* of the *Heavens*; and so plainly proved the motion of the *Earth* to be an apparent *Physical truth*, that the very *Soul* of *Copernicus*, (the first Inventer of that Opinion, as to this later part of the World,) by a happy *Metempsychosis*, seems to have enlightened Him to the *Demonstration* thereof: and this by such *unerring Axioms*, and most *conspicuous verities*, that the (long embrac-

Mr. Wing the Reviver, and Defender of the motion of the Earth in these later Times,

ced) *contrary Opinions*, with all the *insoluble Systems* thereunto belonging, are quite out of Doors, and scarce so much as thought of now, (much less with pristine earnestness defended) by any of the most *able Astronomers* of this Age. So that, had the unfortunate *Bishop of Ratisbone*, but lived in our more *transparent and knowing times*, he had never dyed a *Martyr* for so *sure and sound a Truth*. Nay, had *Saint Augustine* been *contemporary* with *Mr. Wing*, his doubt about *Antipodes* had been *fully resolv'd*. May we not now (without vanity) aver, that *He* was the *Restorer of Astronomy* to this later Age: And not only so, but that he was so happy in his attempts of that kind, that he did *nothing* without *success*? Nay, I conceive I may (without offence) urge it, since others, (far more competent Judges of his *surpassing abilities* than my self) have done it before me.---- That *Mr. Wing* hath performed more in, and toward the *rectification and perfection of the Cælestial Motions*, than all the *ingenious Mathematical heads* in both *Universities* have of late Years done; and for the same was honoured, and had in eminent esteem with most of the *best learned* in this our *British Nation*.

Bold speech.

Among the many observables in *Mr. Wing*, this we may not omit in his *Praise*, and to his *Eternal Honour* let it be remembred:----- That *He* was always a *Loyal Person* and good *Subject*, and in the worst of times, when it was esteemed a
Crime

Crime to be obedient to a lawful Prince and Sovereign, and so much the fashion to be Anarchical and Rebellious; Mr. Wing was so conscientiously just, as always to own his Allegiance: accounting it far better to perform a vow made to God on the behalf of his Prince, than nimbly and unchristianly to swallow Perjury: (a Sin the very Heathen would disdain and protest against!) and although the times he was necessitated to live in, afforded him many great and unhappy examples to that unloyal and ungodly purpose, yet, he still continued his integrity and duty; as well knowing, that Treason against our Sovereign, is equal to Sacrilege against our Saviour.

Indeed, Mr. Wing, had, not only a just and Loyal Heart, but a good and Loyal Nativity to shew and to signify it. There was when he was born, in the Heavens a happy Trine between the Lady of the *Aseendent* and *Governess* of the *Medium Cali*. We know it is as Natural for some Persons to be repugnant and opposite to Government, and to their Prince or Governor, as for some Children or Servants, to be disobedient or rebellious to their Parents or Masters. The reason whereof, is (perhaps) a secret in *Astrologie*, and scarce known to the best of Artists. It may be worthy thanks to divulge it; and it is this.----- That, as the gentle and amicable Rayes between the Lords of the *Medium Cali* and *Horoscope*, make loyal and dutiful Persons or Subjects, so their unfriendly beames to each other, create

Vide his many Almanacks wrote in the times of our late Rebellion: when he might have sided against his Sovereign with applause, and gain; as well as some other Almanack-writers; but you find (by them) he was too Loyal for such degenerate & impious actions, or practices.

☞ N. & bene.

Rebels, Incendiaries, and unloyal Persons. The ingenious *Genethliacal Astrologer* may spare me the trouble of *Instances*, he can easily prove the truth hereof himself.

Albeit, Mr. *Wing* was a Man of such admirable parts as you have heard, yet he was the least admirer of his own abilities of any Man in the World; but still industrious to improve them. His desire was so strong after *Study*, that he even neglected himself for it's sake, and for the great contentment he took therein. And though his attainments were great, yet was he known more to lament and bemoan his defects and imperfections, than any way to boast of his skill. He was no way *Ostentatious*, but on the contrary, very humble; and had nothing of the *Pharisaical temper* or *humour*, but like the *Laden Ear* in *Harvest*, still bent his head downward; and (with the *Peacock*) more often look'd upon his *Feet*, than his *Plumes*: being ever observed in all company, to give unto others the precedence, or *right hand*, which perhaps did not inherit the hundredth part of his understanding and knowledge.

But now, although he was of so self-denying a temper and disposition, and never apt to begin quarrels or contentions with any Man; yet hath it been his fortune (against his inclination) to be engaged in differences: he having been (by some ambitious and troublesome Persons) publicly abused in *Print*: by two especially,
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who have, (after their heaping upon him undeserved reproaches,) in an *impudent* and *shameless* manner, *made use of his works*, to dress and furnish out *their own*; and this without crying *Peccavi*, or seeking of a reconciliation from him. To signify || which hard measure from his (unexpected, as well as undeserved) *Antagonists*, he hath, in his Nativity, *Mars* (an angry Planet) Lord of his *Seventh House*, posited in *Virgo*, *Retrograde* in the *Twelfth Angle*, which hath signification of *scandal* and *detraction*, &c. And the *Moon*, *Cum cauda Draconis*; and in *Quadrate* of *Mercury* in the *Seventh House*; a place denoting *publick Adversaries*, *strifes* and *contentions*, &c. apt and proper Arguments hereof, as any *Astrologer* must needs *understand* and *acknowledge*. More plain and *speaking testimonies* of the *Malice of Enemies*, cannot in any *Nativity* be found: as if Mr. *Wing* had been born into the World on purpose (in matters of controverſie) to *encounter Men* of *brutiſh Principles* and *Conditions*.

Howbeit, it is eminently known, that Mr. *Wing* was of *courage ſufficient*, and capable for to *reſent an injury*; and would (upon any good occasion) be so *juſt* to himself, (and to the *truths* that the World was made partaker of, by his happy *Pen* and *Pains*;) as to give his *Enemies* to understand he did not *wear his Soul without him*; (Who ever did, that had the grand ſignificators of his *Nativity* strong?) but could easily

|| Dominus ſep-
tima in duode-
cima diſſenſio-
nes decernit
cum inimicis.
Argol.

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Seneca saith
that a man
hath so much
wit, as he hath
anger. And St.
Paul alloweth
of anger; so
that it be li-
mited, and not
transported
with a desire
of revenge.
Ephes. 4.

ly vindicate himself from their causeless cavils, and scomma's, and their want of ingenuity and charity towards him. And when (beyond reason) provoked, he did accordingly, (with a spirit of soberness) reply unto those his Antagonists; who were so bold and daring to attempt the lessening of his unblemish'd Fame and Reputation, to (do that which was indeed impossible, and therefore I spare their Names;) make way thereby for the advancement of their own. He also hath the Virgins Spike ascending, and the Moon with the Stars of Apollo: and could not (from thence) but have a great Spirit, and be readily apprehensive, though not revengeful of injuries: And would therefore (in cases of difference) only endeavour to acquit himself, but not calumniate his adversaries. And therefore we may say of him, as it was of another in a like case, *Non filet, & filet*: He might be said to be silent and passive toward his Enemies in respect of revenge, but not in regard of reproof. And surely herein he is no more to be censured, than the harmless Worm for turning again, when it is most churlishly and injuriously trod on.

Nor was Mr. Wing singular, or alone, in partaking of the malice of Enemies, or of being unworthily traduced. Mr. Wing's Saviour (who had the same* Ascendent with him) was so served before him. The brightest Sun attracts the basest and most envious exhalations. The great Hippocrates

*Vide, Cardan, in Comenr. Ptol. Myrinus, in Astronol. Gallica. Gregor.; in Notes on Scripture. Card. Aliac. &c

Hippocrates had a *Thessalus* to oppose him ; and *Divine Homer* met with a *Momus* and *Zoilus*. And we know , that there are as many *Nebulons* and *Cloudy-Starrs* in the ~~English~~ ^{English} *Sphear* , as there be *Glorious* and *Shineing ones*. No *Truth* in *Heaven* or *Earth* , but hath its *Anti-truth*. No *Day* without its *Shadow* ; or *Diamond* that wants its *foyl*. Never was any *Person* famous for any thing yet, but as he met with *Favourites*, so he found *Detractors*. And what excellency can we name or think of , that hath been free from *opposition* or *interruption* ? And therefore it is no wonder, that a man so popular as *Mr. Wing*, hath met with his *Share* of *affronts* and *abuses* : it should rather have been *Recorded* a *Miracle* for him to have missed them. But *Mr. Wing* was too great a *Philosopher* , and too good an *Astrologer* to be concerned or troubled at such *vanities*. It was a satisfaction to him sufficient, to know that he had justly and fairely demonstrated and advanced the *Truth* of what he studied, and therein discharged a good mind. And he having met with the approbation and thanks of the most judicious and knowing, for his great pains and industry, looked upon the ignorant and false attempts of his adversaries to be too ^{sinew} *sincereless* to impare his worth, and their hatred too imbecil and truthless to torment or discompose him.

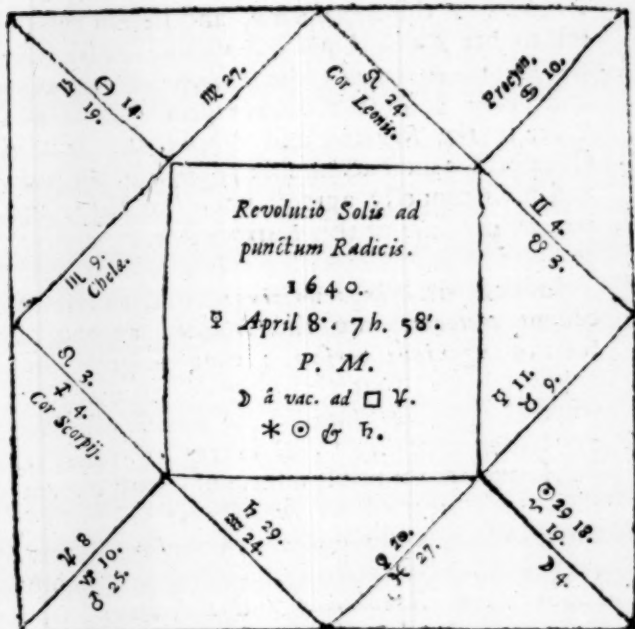
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When Mr.
Wing first ap-
peared up-
on the Stage
of the world.

He appeared first upon the *Theatre* of the world in the two and twentieth year current of his Age; beginning then to *Write* and *Print* his *Annual Books* or *Almanacks*; and as a fit *direction* for the favouring of such a purpose, the *Sun* then came *ad Sextilem Veneris in Tauro*: *She* being *Governess* of his *Ascendent*; and one of the *Al. mutens* of his *Geniture*; and the *Sun* (the Grand Patron of publick Fame and Glory) located in *Septimâ Domo*, the great *Angle* of *business* and *action*. And (that which is as remarkable) together with so favouring a *Direction*, he had a very *auspicious Revolution* for that year; as you may behold by the following *Scheam* thereof.

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In this *Cælestial Figure*, you see the *Lords* of the *Horoscope* and *Medium Cæli*, are in their *sublimities* or *exaltations*, and in a short *quadrate* to each other, equivalent to a *Sex-tile*; and the one of them in *Trine* to the *Mid-heaven*, and the other casts the same *Aspect* to the *ayadofalmon*, or *eleventh Angle*; and *Royal*

fixed Stars ^{on the} prime Cusps of the *Scheam*. The Lady of the Ascendent at birth (as there) is *Almuten* of this *Revolution*, and herein returned to her *Radical* place, casting a friendly *Sextile* to *Mercury* (the *Patron* of *Learning* and *Books*) in the *Seaventh* House, and a *Trine* to the *Nineth*, and *Ascendent*. It is in all respects a most admirable *position* of *Heaven*; and most properly agreeth unto the *happy* and *immortal effects* of this *Natives Pen*.

His writings
universally e-
steemed and
embraced.

Indeed Mr. *Wings* writings found a most excellent *welcome* into the *World*, among all sorts of *ingenious persons*: even so great and happy an one, that (at length) in that year, wherein *Fifty Thousand* of his *Almanacks* have not sold, or gone off, the *Company* of *Stationers* (as I have been credibly informed) hath esteem-
ed it but a year of an *indifferent sale*. So universally spreading was this persons *Fame*, he beginning to write under so happy and *Favourable* a *Revolution* and *direction*. And these his *Annual Books* or *Almanacks*, he continued *twenty eight years* together; thereby making an *addition* to his former *Reputation*, but never growing less, or loosing of any his once *purchased Honour*. He still gained ground, but never lost any; and not only his *Almanacks*, but his other more *laborious writings* also, met with a very *happy entertainment* and *success*: So that in
truth,

Truth, all persons that have *Printed* and *sold* his works, as well as *those* that have *bought* and *read* them, are *Debtors* to his *memory* and *pains*. And the *Book-seller* and *Printer* as well as the *Astronomer* must *mourn* the *unhappy loss* of *Mr. Wing*.

But now, *Mr. Wing* was not only a good man, and singular good *Artist*, but he was a *kind* and *loving Neighbour*; and for his temperate and sober *behaviour* and *demeanor*, was *infinitely beloved* of all those he lived among: as well of the more *Rustical* and *unpolished* sort of people (which generally look upon *Astrologers* as *Conjurers*, and *Mathematicians* as *Mad-men*;) as of those of the *best quality* and *breeding*; obliging the latter by his *Ingenuity* and *Industry* in *Science*; and the former by his *Humility*, and *readiness* at all times to do them good. So that the *meaner* sort of people were always ready to *serve* him; and the better sort of *Persons* * to *assist* * and *encourage* him in any of his *Studious attempts*. He was a *Serious Cordial Friend*, and hard to be removed in *affection* when once he had settled it upon any man; and when he was necessitated to be an *Enemy*, (being naturally so great a lover of *Peace* and *Friendship*) it was as great a *trouble* to him, as the *knowledge of Letters* was (pretended to be) to a *Noble Roman*, when he came to *signe* the

* Dominus Ascendens cum domino Medij Calidat bone-res, & Principum, (aut Magnatum) familiaritates. Ptol. par. p. 132.

The Life and Death

the death of any *offendor*. In his greatest provocations, and from the very worst of his *Enemies*, (as I am informed) he would admit of a *Reconcilement* upon the *easiest* terms imaginable: he ever loved to *preserve Amity* and *Friendship*, and to *crush* or *banish Enmity* and *Hatred*.

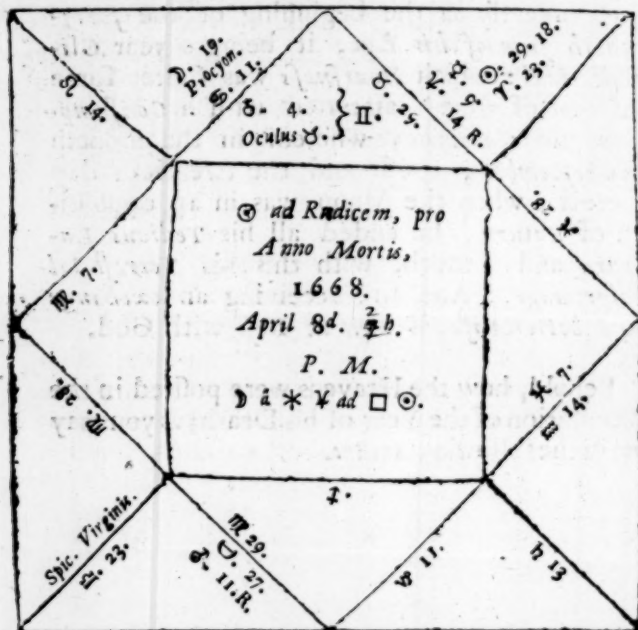
He was likewise known to be a most *careful* and *loving Husband*, and a *Kind* and *Indulgent Father*; as appeared both in the *Prudent* government of his *Family* in his *Lifetime*, and by his disposing and ordering of things at his *Death*, for the good of his *Reliſ* and *Children*: that they might not (after his *Decease*) turn *Wolves* and *Tygers* each to other; as in *too many very good Families* (for want of such care and foresight) it is, God knows, *too frequently seen*; and (when past remedy) *too vainly lamented*.

Lastly, Mr. *Wing* was a man so *naturally made for Action*, and so much abominating *Remiſſeneſs* and *Dulneſs*; that to follow his *employments*, he often *hazzarded* his much to be *prized Health*: he having for near *thirty years* together, been constantly upon *buſineſs*, riding *early* and *late*, in all kinds of *weather, wayes, and ſeaſons*, which (*sine Dubio*) was the *propinquate cauſe* (at length) of a *very great Hoarſneſs*, which began to ſeize him

him violently in the beginning of the *forty-ninth year of his Age*, it being a year *Glimmerical*: which *Hoarsness* was (after some interval of time) attended with a *Consumption* and *Catarrhe*; whereof in the moneth of *September*, 1668. and the twentieth day thereof, when the Moon was in an opposition of *Saturn*, he ended all his *Tedious Labours* and *Travels*, with this his *Terrestrial Pilgrimage*: And so, receiving an *exchange* to a *better Life*, is now at *Rest* with God.

Behold, how the Heavens were posited in the Revolution of the Year of his Death; as you may see in the following *Sceam*.

Herein



Herein you see the *Lord of the Ascendent*, and *Lord of the Eighth House* are applying to a *Conjunction*, and this upon the *Culpe* of the *Eighth House* in the *Radix*; and not only so, but they are both of them in a hateful *opposition* of *Mars*, and in *Quadrant Aspect* of *Saturn*: and the *Lady* of the *Ascendent* in the *Radix*, is, in this *Figure* returned to the place of *Saturn* and *Oculus Tauri*, who were radically placed in the *House of Death*. *Saturn* also

also is by *Direction*, as well as *Position*, promittor of *Death* in this *Nativity*. All which are as so many *Trumpeters* of this *Natives* approaching *Fate*; which he (instead of being daunted at) welcomed with a great deal of *Chearfulness* even to the very last. And indeed no man that hath lived well and uprightly, & done good in his *Generation* (as Mr. *Wing* had done) need be affraid of *Death*, or of the knowledge of the *time* thereof. It was a *Blessing* that **Holy David* prayed for, and that St. *Paul* desired: And although it may be the *Sinful* mans *Terror* and *Torture* to know it, it is the *Just* mans *Joy*.

The *Direction* that Cut off *Life*, was the *Sun* to the *Body* of *Saturn*, viz. the meeting of the *Hylech* and *Anareta*, in an *Anaretical* place thus proved.

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<i>Longitudo Solis</i> — γ —	29.	18.
<i>Descensio Obliqua</i> —	41.	27.
<i>Longit. Saturni</i> — Π —	6.	24.
<i>Latit. Saturni merid:</i> —	1.	51.
<i>Declinatio Supraterram</i> —	19.	38.
<i>Ascensio Recta Saturni</i> —	64.	51.
<i>Differentia Ascentionalis</i>	26.	9.
<i>Descensio Obliqua Saturni</i> —	91.	0.
<i>Arcus Directionis</i> —	49.	33.

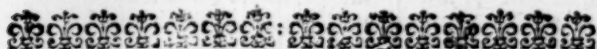
If the Learned *Ptolomy* may be credited, (as indeed why should he not, if he speak truth?) when he sayes, *Aphor.* 37. That those persons who have *Libra* or *Aries* Ascending

*Quorum autem
ascendens erit
Aries aut
Libra, bimor-
tis sua causa
erunt. Prol.
Cent. Aphor. 37.*

at their *Birth*, shall (not need the envy of others to bring them to their ends, but) be the *unhappy cause* of their own *Deaths*: (although I believe, and all the world knows and is satisfied, that Mr. *Wing* was not *felo de se*, as *Lawyers* speak, being of *better principles* than to commit a violence upon or against himself; yet,) I am convinced, that (in a charitable and just sense,) he made the *Aphorisme* good. For, we know his *Soul* was so set upon *business* (as before you have heard) that he *laboured*, not only *beyond his strength*, even till the *last*, but *against the opinions of his Physicians*: not that he conceived in so doing, he any way did hasten or accelerate his *Death*, but because he *hated Idleness*: being a man of so *unwearied a fancy*, that he was *Active*, and *working* to the *last*; and had not *Strength* and *Vigor* first *left him*, he had never *left his Employment*; for he *died labouring*, even in the *middest of his business*, as well as his years.

The worthy *Albohali* tells us, that if the signifiers of *Death* in any *Nativity*, shall be in *domibus vel exaltationibus suis*, a *malis liberi*, *erit mors ejus in parentes et proximos suos*. And so true we find his words, (for they take full place in Mr. *Wings Nativity*) that, as Mr. *Wings Life* did not *cross* or *Contradict* the *Influences of the Stars*, neither did his *Death*. For he (as the *Holy Patriarch Jacob*) *died among his Relations*, & received an *honourable Interment*.

On



*On the Death of so many Eminent Astrologers,
and Mathematicians; and particularly on
the Expiration of Mr. Vincent Wing.*

O Ur Mirth and Pleasures leave us for a space,
While Sighs and Tears Usurp upon your place :
Behold the Wounds the Stars do give their Friends !

“ The Fates spare none, may bring about their Ends.

First, they force Loyal Neve resign his Breath :

Next, Learned Fisk compel to yield to Death :

Then, the great Oughtred (in a goodly Age,

His part being done) they hurry off the Stage :

Culpeper follows : [The Physicians Foe !]

All Astrologians surely are not so.

And painful Booker too, they take to's rest.

“ Angels themselves subscribe—*Ac Mortuus est.*

But Death not satisfied, unless he,

Work a sure Famine in Astrology,

And make the world with his Massacres Ring :

Hath last of all, remov'd Laborious Wing.

Sure Death's turn'd Courtier, will not be deny'd

The thing he covets, though the best man Dy'd.

Ah ! Cruel Tyrant ! what ill hast thou done,

To bless'd URANIA ? her scarce risen Sun.

Must set, before it the Meridian Mount :

What shall we now, of Fair Urania Count ?

She could have spar'd thee Quacks & Fools good store ;

Turn-coats and Traitors full as many more :

Which Tribe, thy hungry Stomach might suffice ;

In taking them, thou'dst sav'd URANIA'S eyes :

But,

But, at her *Friends* to cast thy envious Dart,
At once strikes *Blind* and *Dead* her Eye and Heart,

No more *Astrologers*, since these are gone,
Trouble your *serious* skill, or thoughts upon
Poor *Mortals* Life and Death! Your Period's set;
And the *Alchocoden* that governs it,
Must veile to th' *Anareta*: All your pain,
Cannot from it the *meanest* minute gain!

" 'Tis *Natures* privilege to be severe:

" And let her reign *Triumphant* in her *Spear*.

T. F. Astrophil.



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Courteous Reader,

IN the foregoing *discourse*, you are informed
Of the *Death* of the *Person* of Mr. *Wing*, but
his *Fame*, that is still *surviving*; and this, not
only in his own *Laborious* pieces, emitted into
the world in his *Life* time; but in a *Son*, he left
behind him, who bears his own *Name*: And is
so *inclined* to his *Fathers* *Studies*, that he
hath for this present year 1670. wrote his *Orbita*
Aquæ, or *Almanack*; and (by Gods blessing)
intends the *Annual* continuance thereof.

FINIS.

